FINANCE SECRETARIAT

Orders the constitution of the Mysore Taxation Enquiry Committee.

PREAMBLE:

It has been the practice in Mysore State to get an independent review of State finances done periodically. The last review was made by the Resources and Economy Committee in 1962. Subsequently also there has been close examination of the State finances by the Finance Commission and the Planning Commission. The Pay Commission has also, incidentally, examined the State's financial position and suggested certain measures to reduce the cost of administration in all departments of Government. There has been frequent demand for the review of the State taxation structure. The Planning Commission has also suggested the mobilisation of additional resources for the Fourth Five-Year Plan. The present time is more opportune to constitute an Expert Committee with a view to examine the Taxation structure in the State for raising the additional resources for the Fourth Five-Year Plan. In the State's Memorandum to the Finance Commission, the State Government has also referred to the constitution of such a Committee. The State Planning Board has also suggested a close examination of Sales Tax structure to make it yield more revenues.

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Government are accordingly pleased to constitute a Committee with the following members:

1.	Shri S. Bhoothalingam, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi....	Chairman
2.	Shri H. Siddaveerappa, Member of the Legislative Assembly	Member
3.	Shri M. Y. Ghorpade, Member of the Legislative Assembly	Member
4.	Dr. R. Balakrishna, Professor of Economics, Bangalore University	Member
5.	Shri Y. N. Gangadhara Setty, Ex-President, Mysore Chamber of Commerce	Member
6.	The Accountant General, Mysore, Bangalore ...	Member
7.	Sri A. M. R. Moses, Deputy Secretary to Government, Finance Department ...	Secretary
8.	Sri C. R. Srinivasa Murthy, Commercial Tax Officer, Headquarters, Bangalore ...	Assistant Secretary

The Committee is also authorised to co-opt as Members, who are experts. Necessary staff required will be sanctioned separately. The Members of the Committee will be entitled to T.A. and D.A. as admissible to the Members of the Legislature. If necessary the Committee may also tour outside the State. The Committee is requested to give its report on Sales Tax within a period of 6 to 8 months and its report in respect of other matters may be given within a period of 12 to 15 months.

The terms of reference of the Committee shall be as follows:—

(1) To examine the existing tax and non tax revenue resources both at the level of the State and Local Bodies (Corporations, Municipalities, Taluk Boards and Village Panchayats, etc.) and recommend changes with reference to the following:—

(*a*) the incidence of taxation on the various classes of people and taxable capacity;

(*b*) the need for raising additional resources for the State and the Local Bodies in the context of the Fourth Five-Year Plan;

(*c*) need for re-adjustments or rationalisation of incidence of taxation;

(*d*) the tax structure prevailing in other neighbouring States;

(*e*) scope for additional resources mobilisation in the Agricultural sector;

(*f*) fresh sources of taxation.

(2) With regard to sales tax the Committee may in addition to the above factors take into consideration the following:—

(*a*) simplification;

(*b*) removal of hardships to dealers;

(*c*) avoiding diversion of trade and improving the revenues from Sales Tax over and above what has been included in the Forecast.

(3) To study and recommend changes or re-organisation in the existing machinery for administration of taxes in the State, to suggest Cadre and Recruitment to improve the revenue collections to the maximum extent and prevent the leakages of revenue and avoid corruption if any.

(4) To study broadly the existing non-tax revenues and recommend measures to be taken to avoid losses in running departmental undertakings and improve revenues in other sectors as in the case of Forest, etc.,

(5) To consider and recommend on any other matter connected with the financial resources and its administration.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

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Deputy Secretary to Government,
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